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SUBJECT: LORENZ KIDNAPPING --RANSOM DEMANDS ANNOUNCED

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1. SUMMARY : ANARCHIST 2ND OF JUNE MOVEMENT HAS ANNOUNCED IT KIDNAPPED LORENZ AND HAS MADE RANSOM DEMANDS INCLUDING RELEASE OF "POLITICAL" PRISONERS AND PROVISION, WITHIN 72 HOURS, OF BOEING 707 TO FLY THEM AND HOSTAGE TO BE EXCHANGED FOR LORENZ TO SITE OF THEIR CHOOSING.

END SUMMARY

2. GERMAN PRESS AGENCY DPA RECEIVED SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER FEBRUARY 28 SIGNED BY 2ND OF JUNE MOVEMENT AND CONTAINING PICTURE OF LORENZ SITTING ON BED WITHOUT GLASSES AND HOLDING SIGN SAYING "PETER LORENZ, TAKEN PRISONER BY 2ND OF JUNE ." POLICE ARE CONVINCED LETTER IS GENUINE. IT MAKES FOLLOWING DEMANDS:

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A) RELEASE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED IN

RECENT "DEMONSTRATIONS:"

B) RELEASE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF HORST MAHLER, VERENA BECKER, INA SIEPMANN, AND "FEW OTHERS" HELD IN BERLIN IN CONNECTION WITH BAADER-MEINHOF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES PLUS AT LEAST THREE TERRORISTS HELD IN FRG, POHLE, HEISSLER, AND KORECHER.

C) PROVISION, WITHIN 72 HOURS, OF BOEING 707 WITH FULL FUEL TANKS AND CREW READY TO TAKE OFF AT TEGEL AIRPORT; ONE PROMINENT PERSON SHOULD BE ON BOARD AS HOSTAGE WITH FORMER GOVERNING MAYOR ALBERTZ NAMED AS ONE POSSIBILITY;

D) ALL SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN 2ND OF JUNE MOVEMENT AND POLICE TO BE CONDUCTED IN PUBLIC, NO POLICE IN STREETS, NO HOUSE SEARCHES, NO SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY.

E) PAYMENT OF DM120,000 RANSOM.

3. COMMENT. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 20 INDIVIDUALS PRESENTLY IN BERLIN JAILS ON CHARGES RELATED TO BAADER-MEINHOF ACTIVITY. POLICE BELIEVE DEMAND A REFERS TO TWO INDIVIDUALS, ETTORE CANNELLA AND GERHARD JAGDMANN, ARRESTED IN DEMONSTRATIONS LAST NOVEMBER ON DAY VON DRENKMANN WAS SHOT. END COMMENT.GEORGE

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